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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8362

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK, IR

SUBJ: ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 7534 (041142Z AUG 75); (B) TEHRAN  
7359 (291258Z JUL 75)

1. ON AUGUST 26 GENERAL TOUFANIAN CALLED IN CHIEF,  
ARMISH/MAAG, AND EMBOFF TO DISCUSS RECENT REQUEST FROM  
PAKISTAN FOR EXTENSIVE LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.  
TOUFANIAN SAID LIST HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY IRANIAN  
AMBASSADOR WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISLAMABAD. HE HAD  
REVIEWED ITEMS ON LIST AGAINST BACKGROUND OF PAPER WE HAD  
GIVEN HIM (REF B) ON USG P & A DECISIONS FOR PAKISTAN.  
LIST FORWARDED CARMISH/MAAG SEPTTEL.

2. TOUFANIAN COMMENTED THAT LIST OBVIOUSLY CONTAINED  
MORE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT THAN IRAN COULD PROVIDE. HOWEVER,  
HE THOUGHT THAT IRAN WOULD TRY TO BE HELPFUL BY (1) PRO-  
VIDING FUNDS TO PAKISTAN FOR PURCHASE, (2) BUYING EQUIP-  
MENT THROUGH FMS ON PAKISTAN'S BEHALF, OR (3) TRANSFERRING  
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EQUIPMENT FROM IRANIAN STOCKS TO PAKISTAN. BEFORE TAKING

ANY STEPS HE WANTED USG REACTION. HE COMMENTED FURTHER THAT LIST HAD APPARENTLY BEEN DRAFTED BY SOMEONE WHO WAS NOT AN EXPERT ON MILITARY HARDWARE. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND AND SOME ITEMS (E.G., MISSILES FOR AIRCRAFT PAKISTAN DID NOT POSSESS) SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE. THERE WERE ITEMS ON LIST WHICH PAKISTAN WANTED ON AN URGENT BASIS. THEREFORE TOUFANIAN WOULD APPRECIATE A USG RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE ASKED HIM WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY OBJECTION IF OUR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN ISLAMABAD CONTACTED PAK MILITARY TO CLARIFY ANY QUESTIONS RE LIST AND TO CONFIRM PAK INTEREST IN SPECIFIC ITEMS. TOUFANIAN REPLIED THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA INASMUCH AS HE HAD ALREADY TOLD PAKS HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT USG.

4. WE TOLD TOUFANIAN THAT WE WOULD SUBMIT LIST TO WASHINGTON AND REQUEST THAT, IF REVIEW SEEMED LIKELY TO BE EXTENDED OVER LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME, WE TAKE WHAT ACTION WE COULD ON ITEMS THAT WERE NON-CONTROVERSIAL (E.G., VEHICLES) OR THAT COULD NOT BE APPROVED BY USG UNDER PRESENT GUIDELINES.

5. PLEASE INSTRUCT US AS TO HOW WE SHOULD REPLY TO TOUFANIAN.  
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